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Mr. W. Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House Washington, D. C.

Dear Marvin:

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This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of July 29 concerning the possible technical penetration of the White House by the Soviets or other hostile intelligence agents. I have requested that any information which is available within the Agency be furnished to you within the next few days.

I am sure you know that the Central Intelligence Agency has no internal security functions and that we will therefore not be able to respond fully to your questions. In this connection, may I suggest that the Federal Bureau of Investigation would probably be a better source for most of the information you seek. Also, I assume that you have the report of the Ad Hoe Committee which was convened pursuant to National Security Action Memorandim No. 315 for the purpose of surveying the physical security arrangements and audio surveillance countermeasures covering the White House.

I am appreciative of your awareness of the hostile threat posed by the increasingly sophisticated capabilities of the Soviet and satellite intelligence services and am pleased to provide you with whatever information is available within this Agency.

## Sincerely,

(sign	ned) W. F. Raborn		
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT

: Response to White House Inquiry on Threat of Hostile

Penetration by Soviet and Satellite Services

1. On 29 July 1965 Mr. W. Marvin Watson, Special Assistant to the President, sent two letters to you, one requesting information on Tass and Bloc correspondents accredited to the White House and the second concerning Soviet technical penetration capabilities, particularly in the United States. (Tab A)

- 2. Much of the information requested by Mr. Watson concerning technical penetration capabilities falls within the purview of the internal security responsibilities of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I telephoned Mr. Watson on 2 August 1965 concerning this aspect, and he advised me that he was sending to the FBI a request for similar information since he now recognizes the matter involves the two agencies. I advised Mr. Watson that the Agency would coordinate with the FBI in preparing the response to his request.
- 3. It is requested that you sign the attached proposed replies to Mr. Watson. (Tab B)

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R. L. Bannerman
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Mr. W. Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President The White House washington, D. C.

#### Dear Marvin:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of 29 july requesting information which may be in our possession about correspondents from Communist countries who hold White House press passes. I have requested Mr. Howard Osborn, our Director of Security, to assemble any information we may have and to furnish it to you as soon as possible. You may expect it within the next lew days.

Sincerely.

[[signed] W. F. Raborn]

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 29, 1965

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Dear Mr. Raborn:

At the present time, there are four Tass Correspondents and eight other Correspondents from Communist countries who hold White House Press Passes. Because of the nature and scope of the worldwide Soviet and Communist intelligence network, I am concerned over the possible threat posed by these specific individuals and others who may be in a similar status. Attached is a list of the specific individuals to whom I refer.

Although we have conducted limited records checks on these individuals in the past and have some limited data concerning their backgrounds and activities, I would appreciate any recent information you may have which indicates that they may have intelligence connections or are possibly engaging in intelligence activities. I am also interested in any similar information you may have concerning Correspondents from other nations who may be suspected of working for or cooperating with hostile intelligence agencies. If appropriate, I would appreciate a current summary of each person concerned.

Since my purpose is to make a realistic appraisal of the security threat presented by possible hostile agents or other persons having ostensible authorized access to the White House (e.g. via Press Passes), I would appreciate any other pertinent information you may have concerning this overall problem as well as your personal views.

y. Marvin Watson Special Assistant to the President

Honorable William F. Raborn Director, Central Intelligence Agency Washington, D.C.

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TASS News Agency Correspondents holding White House Press Passes

Viktor Vasilievich Kopytin, d.o.b. - April 29, 1937 Vitaly Vasiejevich Petroussenko, d.o.b. - May 2, 1933 Mikhail R. Sagatelyan, d.o.b. - August 8, 1927 Vladimir Vlasovich Vashed-Chenko, d.o.b. - October 15, 1913

Correspondents representing various papers in Communist territory

Vladimir Till, Czechoslovakia News Agency, d.o.b. - November 22, 1921 Jiri Hochman, Rude Pravo (Czech. Paper), d.o.b. - June 3, 1926 Nicolas Chatelain, Le Figaro (Russian Paper), d.o.b. - May 28, 1913 Istvan Arkus, Nepszabadsag (Hungarian Paper), d.o.b. - October 9, 1927 Mikhail Victorovich Krylov, Selskaya (Russian Paper), d.o.b. - Nov. 13, 1929 Henryk Zwiren, Polish Press Agency, d.o.b. - November 13, 1911 Davor Culic, Yugoslav News Agency, d.o.b. March 5, 1921 Broniarek, Zygmunt, Trybuna (Polish Paper), d.o.b. August 27, 1925

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#### THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

July 27, 1965

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Scientific and Technical Efforts in the Foreign Intelligence Field

Thank you for your memorandum of July 19, 1965, in reply to my request for a current status report on actions taken by the Central Intelligence Agency in the areas covered by the March 8, 1963 report and recommendations made concerning the subject by the President's Foreign Intelligence Advisory Board.

I feel that this subject matter should be appropriately covered in the Agency's next annual report to the Board, to which you referred. However, the submission of such annual reports is not to be considered as a substitute for detailed reports which are required from time to time by this office and by the President's Board, as a basis for appraising the actions taken or views expressed by responsible agencies of the intelligence community with respect to recommendations which the Board has made to the President.

Accordingly, at an appropriate interval following the submission of the Central Intelligence Agency's next annual report to the Board, I will look to the Board for suggestions as to the desirability of requesting a further progress report on actions taken by the Agency in the scientific and technological areas covered by the Board in its March 1963 recommendations.

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cc: The President's Foreign Intelligence
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